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Mr. Steve Gunderson
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Water Quality Control Division
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
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Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

Re: TMDL Approval

Illinois Gulch, COUCBL12 for cadmium (Cd)

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

We have completed our review of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as submitted by your office on July 12, 2011 for the 303(d) listed waterbody Illinois Gulch (COUCBL12). In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.), we approve all aspects of the TMDLs as developed for certain pollutants in water quality limited waterbodies as described in Section 303(d)(1). Based on our review, we feel the separate TMDL elements in the Illinois Gulch TMDL document for cadmium (see enclosed table) are adequately addressed, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Thank you for submitting these TMDLs for our review and approval. If you have any questions, the most knowledgeable person on my staff is Julie Kinsey and she may be reached at (303) 312-7065.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Campbell

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation

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Enclosures

1 - Approved TMDLs

2 - Minimum Submission Requirement Review